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The present Preliminary Amendment is submitted to comply with requirements for patent applications containing nucleotide sequence and/or amino acid sequence disclosures. Please amend the specification in adherence with rules 37 C.F.R. § 1.821-1.825 as follows:

On page 19, immediately preceding the claims, please insert the enclosed text entitled "SEQUENCE LISTING"

REMARKS

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested. The amendments are made in adherence with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821-1.825. This amendment is accompanied by a floppy disc containing the above named sequences, SEQUENCE ID NUMBERS 1-6 in computer readable form, and a paper copy of the sequence information. The computer readable sequence listing was prepared through use of the software program "PatentIn" provided by the PTO. The information contained in the computer readable disc is identical to that of the paper copy. This amendment contains no new matter. Applicant submits that this amendment, the accompanying computer readable sequence listing, and the paper copy thereof serve to place this application in a condition of adherence to the rules 37 C.F.R. § 1.821-1.825.

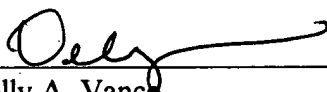
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